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Re: Dr. J. R. Carter - Autopsy Study

Gentlemen:

In 1973, tentative approval was given to Dr. Carter's proposed study of the autopsy records of lung cancer patients contingent upon his submission of a final protocol and a budget not to exceed $110,000. In May of 1974, Dr. Carter submitted a final proposal with a budget in the amount of $86,305. This study was then funded as a CTR Special Project.

At this time, the work is nearing completion. Dr. Carter and his associates have found an error rate in the diagnoses of primary bronchogenic carcinoma of nearly 45% in the approximately 500 cases reviewed in a period of 26 years (1948-73). Thus far it appears that patients with recorded histories of smoking were more likely to be accurately diagnosed than those patients who had not smoked.

The researchers have encountered certain difficulties in the retrieval and examination of the clinical records of patients who died during the early years of the study period. Additional funding in the amount of $5,780 is requested at this time in order to search for the remainder of these older records and perform the required detailed analyses. We believe it is important to make this expenditure in order to obtain as complete a data base as possible. Dr. Marvin Kastenbaum has assisted us in monitoring this project and supports this request for additional funds.

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Your timely reply to this request would be greatly appreciated.

With best personal regards.

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